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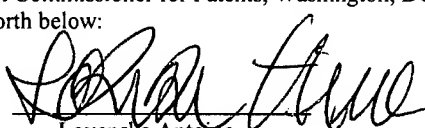

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/037,472  
Entitled: *Detecting Genetic Predisposition to Sight-Threatening Diabetic Retinopathy*  
Filed: March 10, 1998; By: Duff et al.  
Examiner: Myers, C.; Group Art Unit: 1655  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants respectfully request entry of this preliminary amendment accompanying the filing of a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) before substantive examination of the claims on the merits.

Kindly add new claims 13-17 follows:

E1 13. (New) A method of predicting an increased risk of familial sight-threatening diabetic retinopathy comprising detecting the presence of allele 2 of IL-1A(-889) and allele 2 of IL-1B(-511).